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APPLICANT(S): Guo *et al.*
SERIAL NO.: 09/981,151 EXAMINER: James Martinell
FILING DATE: October 16, 2001 ART UNIT: 1631
FOR: PROTEINS AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the December 4, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before May 4, 2004.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 21402-168). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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